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Education

E.d.D. **Instructional Technology.** University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. In progress – coursework complete with anticipated defense in spring 2012

M.S. **Molecular Biology.** University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. 2001. Thesis: Conformational Changes in Pediocin AcH upon Vesicle Binding and Approximation of the Membrane-Bound Structure in Detergent Micelles

B.S. Chemistry. University of Denver, Denver, CO. 1998

Teaching Experience

• MOLB/MICR 2021 [2210]: General Microbiology Laboratory	Fall 01-Present
(http://www.uwyo.edu/molb2210_lab/)	
• MOLB 4850: Undergraduate Teaching Internship	Fall 01-Present
• MOLB/MICR 2240: Medical Microbiology Laboratory	Spring 02 – Present
(http://www.uwyo.edu/molb2210_lab/)	
• MOLB/MICR 2021 [2210]: General Microbiology	Spring 03 - Present
(http://www.uwyo.edu/molb2210_lect/)	
• MOLB/CHEM 3610: Principles of Biochemistry	Summer 05 – Present
• MOLB 4100 [3980]: Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory	Spring 01-02
• CHEM 1020: General Chemistry I	Fall 01-02
• LSCI 0521/0511: Chemistry	Summer 00-02
Upward Bound and Math Science Initiative High School residential	
summer program	
• MOLB 5160: RNA Biochemistry Laboratory	Fall 00
Graduate teaching assistant	
• MOLB 5230: Nucleic Acids Laboratory	Spring 00
Graduate teaching assistant	
• CHEM 2011: Chemistry of the Elements	Spring 97
Undergraduate teaching assistant and tutor	

Publications

Watson, R., & Boggs, C. The Virtual Classroom: Student and Instructor Perceptions of Vodcast Lectures in a General Microbiology Classroom [Abstract]. In: Sixteenth Annual American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators; 2009 May 28-31; Ft. Collins, CO. Washington, DC; 2009. p.56. Available: http://www.asmcue.org/MicroBrew-Abstracts.shtml

- Watson, R., & Boggs, C. (2008). Vodcast Venture: How Formative Evaluation of Vodcasting in a Traditional On-Campus Microbiology Class Led to the Development of a Fully Vodcasted Online Biochemistry Course. *Proceedings of World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education 2008.* (pp. 3309-3316) Chesapeake, VA: AACE. [Online]. Available: http://www.editlib.org/p/30137
- Hughes A., Boggs, C. & Watson, R. (2008). The Online Dilemma: Student Perceptions of Online Supplemental Instruction for General Microbiology. Proceedings of World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education 2008. (pp. 915-918) Chesapeake, VA: AACE. [Online]. Available: http://www.editlib.org/p/29723
- Watson, R. M. (2008) A Brand of Excellence: Reflections on Teaching and Learning. In J.K. Wangberg (Ed.), Listen for the Dune Buggies (pp. 111-123). Laramie, Wyoming: University of Wyoming.
- Watson, R., & Boggs, C. (2007). The Virtual Classroom: Student Perceptions of Podcast Lectures in a General Microbiology Classroom. *Proceedings of World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education* 2007. (pp. 2170-2174). Chesapeake, VA: AACE. [Online]. Available: http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm
- Watson, R., & Boggs, C. (2003). Warming up the Chill: Integrating Technology into a General Chemistry Course. World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications 2003(1), 1881-1882. [Online]. Available: http://dl.aace.org/13133
- Watson, R. M., Woody, R. W., Lewis, R. V., Bohle, D. S., Andreotti, A. H., Ray, B. and Miller, K. W. (2001). Conformational Changes in Pediocin AcH Upon Vesicle Binding, and the Approximation of the Membrane-bound structure in Detergent Micelles. *Biochemistry*, Vol. 40, Number 46, pp. 14037-14046.
- Watson, R. M. (2001). Conformational Changes in Pediocin AcH Upon Vesicle Binding, and the Approximation of the Membrane-bound structure in Detergent Micelles. Unpublished Masters Thesis, University of Wyoming,
- Watson, R. M., Ray, B. and Miller, K. W. (2001) in Abstracts: American Society for Microbiology 101 General Meeting pp 6, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D. C.

Presentations

• Mobile Micro: The use of Mobile Devices in a General Microbiology Course

La Jolla, CA

November 2010

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET) conference

• Concerning Little Known Students: Discovering those Hidden from our Sight.

October 2010 Laramie, WY

Fall 2010 Rocky Mountain Branch of the American Society for Microbiology Regional Meeting

• Microbes: Critters and Communities in Us and Around Us	September 2010
Guest lecture for the AGRI 1001 Intellectual Communities Course	Laramie, WY
(the anchor course for the "Critters and Community" Freshman	
Interest Group)	
• What Should I Expect in College?	August 2010
Faculty Sneak Peek Session Leader for Incoming Freshman	Laramie, WY
• A Whole New World for Teaching and Learning: Exploring	May 2010
Educational (Teaching and Research) Opportunities in Second	Laramie, WY
Life	
Distance Learning Guild (Outreach Credit Programs)	
• "I" Found Paul in the Social Sciences: A Narrative of the	April 2010
Experience of a Gay Student who Left the Hard Sciences to	Laramie, WY
Pursue a Career in Social Science	
2010 Shepard Symposium for Social Justice	
• Cell Phones in the Classroom	October 2009
E-volution: Teaching and Learning with Technology	Laramie, WY
Available: http://www.uwyo.edu/techforum/Elluminate.htm	
• What are Faculty Doing with Technology?	October 2009
E-volution: Teaching and Learning with Technology, Faculty Panel	Laramie, WY
Available: http://www.uwyo.edu/techforum/Elluminate.htm	
• Microbes: Critters and Communities in Us and Around Us	October 2009
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(the anchor course for the "Critters and Community" Freshman	
Interest Group)	
• What Should I Expect in College?	August 2009
Faculty Sneak Peek Session Leader for Incoming Freshman	Laramie, WY
• The Virtual Classroom: Student and Instructor Perceptions of	May 2009
Vodcast Lectures in a General Microbiology Classroom	Ft. Collins, CO
American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate	
Educators, Microbrew Session	
• Commencement Address	May 2009
University of Wyoming, College of Agriculture	Laramie, WY
• Vodcast Venture: How Formative Evaluation of Vodcasting in a	November 2008
Traditional On-Campus Microbiology Class Led to the	Las Vegas, NV
Development of a Fully Vodcasted Online Biochemistry Course	
E-Learn World Conference on E-learning in Corporate,	
Government, Healthcare and Higher Education	

• The Online Dilemma: Student Perceptions of Online	November 2008
Supplemental Instruction for General Microbiology	Las Vegas, NV
E-Learn World Conference on E-learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education	
• Panel on A Brand of Excellence: Reflections on Teaching and	October, 2008
Learning	Laramie, WY
Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning Fall Forum on Learning and Assessment	
• Web 2.0 for Teaching	May 2008
Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning ICS Workshop	Laramie, WY
• The Virtual Classroom: Student Perceptions of Podcast	October 2007
Lectures in a General Microbiology Classroom	Quebec City
E-Learn World Conference on E-learning in Corporate,	
Government, Healthcare and Higher Education	
• Warming up the Chill: Integrating Technology into a General	July 2003
Chemistry Course	Honolulu, HI
Ed-Media World Conference	
• Warming up the Chill: Integrating Technology into a General	May 2003
Chemistry Course	Laramie, WY
inVISIBLE college Fourth Annual Meeting and Reunion	
• Book Discussion Leader: Women as Learners by Elisabeth	May 2002
Hayes and Daniele D. Flannery	Laramie, WY
inVISIBLE college Fourth Annual Meeting and Reunion	
• Conformational Changes in Pediocin AcH upon Vesicle Binding	July 2001
and Approximation of the Membrane-Bound Structure in	Laramie, WY
Detergent Micelles	
Master's Thesis Defense	
University of Wyoming Department of Molecular Biology	
• Secondary Structure of Pediocin AcH in Membrane Vesicles and	May 2001
Trifluoroethanol	Orlando, FL
American Society for Microbiology 2001 General Meeting	
Defense of Master's Research Proposal	July 1999
University of Wyoming Department of Molecular Biology	Laramie, WY
• Defense of Honor's Thesis	June 1998
University of Denver Department of Chemistry	Denver, CO

Grants

• Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning (E-CTL) Assessment Grant	Present
University of Wyoming	
• Technology Integration Enhancements (TIE) Distance Education Grant	Present
University of Wyoming (Outreach College)	
• Learning Resource Network (LeaRN) Supplemental Instruction Grant	2008-Present
University of Wyoming • Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning (E-CTL) Plasma Display University of Wyoming	March 2010
• College of Agriculture Teaching Grant University of Wyoming	2007-2008
Paul Stock Work Study Grant University of Wyoming (College of Agriculture)	2003-2004
 inVISIBLE College Cohort Scholarship University of Wyoming (Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning) 	2002-2003
• Undergraduate Research Grant • Denver University	1997

Advising

Academic Advising	2005 – present
University of Wyoming Microbiology and Molecular Biology	
Nordic Ski Team Faculty Advisor	2001 – present
University of Wyoming	
• Senior Honors Thesis Advisor	2006 – present
University of Wyoming Honors Program	
Averill, S. (2008) The Essentials of Omega-3 Fatty Acid Promotion:	
Fishing for Answer. Unpublished Honors Thesis.	
Young, K. (2007) HIV Testing Awareness at the University of Wyoming	
and the Factors that Keep Students from Being Tested. Unpublished	
Honors Thesis	

Jordan, N. (2006) Hope for a Devastating Crisis: The Treatment of HIV and AIDS. Unpublished Honors Thesis.

• $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ Faculty Advisor

• Budget Committee

University of Wyoming College of Agriculture

2006-2007

2004 - 2005

University of Wyoming Greek System

Professional Service

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• Student Transitions and Successes of Enrollment Management	Present
University of Wyoming LeaRN	
Microbiology Program Steering Committee	Present
University of Wyoming	
Distance Education Guild	Present
University of Wyoming Outreach School	
 Co-director for the microbiology and molecular biology Freshman Interest Group (FIG) University of Wyoming 	2009 - present
• Biology Articulation Committee Wyoming State Wide Directive	2009 - present
• GLBT/Q/NS Minor Steering Committee	2008-present
University of Wyoming	
• AG Ambassador Faculty Selection Committee	April 2009
University of Wyoming	
• Judge for UW Gold Award	September 2008
University of Wyoming	
• Self-Designed Major Committee (Forensic Science) for Chandra Thompson	2007
University of Wyoming	
• MOLB / MICR Stewardship Committee	2006
University of Wyoming	
• Judge for UW Gold Award	September 2005
University of Wyoming	
• Judge for Homecoming Sing	September 2004
University of Wyoming Greek System	

Honors/Awards

Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2010
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
• Teaching Award of Merit	2010
North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture 2010	
• Promoting Intellectual Engagement (PIE) Award	2010
University of Wyoming (Ellbogen Center for Teaching and	
Learning (E-CTL), LeaRN (Learning Resource Network) and	
Residence Life & Dining)	
Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2009
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
• Recognition of Excellence in Teaching Non-Honors Courses	2009
University of Wyoming Honors Program	
• Promoting Intellectual Engagement (PIE) Award	2009
University of Wyoming (Ellbogen Center for Teaching and	
Learning (E-CTL), LeaRN (Learning Resource Network) and	
Residence Life & Dining)	
Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2008
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
Campus Recreation Outstanding External Contributor	2008
University of Wyoming Campus Recreation	
• Division of Student Affairs Outstanding External Contributor Nominee	2008
University of Wyoming Division of Student Affairs	
• Division of Student Affairs Outstanding External Contributor Nominee	2007
University of Wyoming Division of Student Affairs	
• Lawrence Meeboer Outstanding Teacher	2007
University of Wyoming College of Agriculture	
Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2007
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
• Mortar Board "Tip of the Cap"	2007
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2006
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	

• Lawrence Meeboer Outstanding Teacher Nominee	2006
University of Wyoming College of Agriculture	
• Lawrence Meeboer Outstanding Teacher	2005
University of Wyoming College of Agriculture	
• RSO Awards of Excellence: Outstanding Advisor	2005
University of Wyoming Recognized Student Organizations	
Mortar Board "Top Prof"	2004
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
• "Toot Your Horn" Award	2004
University of Wyoming College of Agriculture	
• Mortar Board "Tip of the Cap"	2002
University of Wyoming Mortar Board	
• Completed an M.S. Degree in Molecular Biology with a 4.0 GPA	2001
University of Wyoming	
• Summa Kum Laude	1998
University of Denver	
• Outstanding Senior Chemistry Major	1998
University of Denver	
• Completed a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry with a 3.98 GPA	1998
University of Denver	
• Phi Beta Kappa	1996 - present
Inducted at the University of Denver	
• Dean's List	1994-1998
University of Denver	
• Valedictorian	1994
Lake County High School	

Professional Experience Development

• Online Course Design: MOLB/CHEM 3610: Principles of Biochemistry

2008 - present

Development of vodcasts and eCampus Course Shell

• Website Design: MOLB/MICR 2021 [2210]: General Microbiology

2005 - present

Development of class website, html and eCompanion Course Shell http://www.uwyo.edu/molb2210

• Virtual Online Lab Development: The Virtual Edge

2004 - present

Development of online General and Medical Microbiology Labs for use with UW course MOLB 2021 [2210] http://www.uwyo.edu/virtual_edge/index.htm

Research

present

Development and assessment of student perceptions

 Experiences of marginalized students in science Narrative study

2008 - present

Vodcasting and Podcasting in both face-to-face and online courses

2007 - present

Development and assessment of student perceptions

Virtual Edge Online (dry) Labs to supplement the wet lab
 Design, development, assessment of student knowledge, skills and perceptions

2004 – present

Boggs, C.N. (2006) The Virtual Edge, Development and evaluation of virtual labs for a General Microbiology Classroom (doctoral dissertation, University of Wyoming, 2006)

· Molecular Biology Lab Research

1998-2001

Isolated and purified the bacteriocin pediocin AcH, utilized Circular Dichroism Spectroscopy to characterize the secondary structural elements of pediocin AcH, sequenced mutant clones of the *papA* gene, created mutant variants of the *papA* gene encoding pediocin AcH using extension overlap PCR techniques

· Chemistry Lab Research

1996 - 1998

Isolated and purified bovine carbonic anhydrase, Removed active site diamagnetic zinc II ion of carbonic anhydrase and replaced with a paramagnetic cobalt II ion to enable analysis via electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR)

Professional Affiliations/Memberships

• American Society for Microbiology (ASM) 2001 - present

Rocky Mountain Regional and National Member

• Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education 2003 - present

Member

• Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) 2010 - present

Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)

Member

Cooperative Interest Group for student retention

Volunteer Activities

• Coach, Nordic Ski Team	1998 – present
University of Wyoming	Laramie, WY
Between 10 and 90 hours per week	
• Coach/Organizer/Lecturer, High School Summer Ski Camp	2003 – present
Medicine Bow Nordic Association, University of Wyoming	Centennial, WY
• Race Volunteer	1998 – present
Medicine Bow Nordic Association	Laramie, WY
• Trail Maintenance	1998 – present
Medicine Bow Nordic Association	Laramie, WY
Group Trip Leader	2003 - present
University of Wyoming Outdoor Program (Campus Recreation)	

• Coach/Invited Lecturer 2003 – 2005

Casper High School Ski Camp Casper, WY

• Coach, Nordic Master Skier Program 2003

Medicine Bow Nordic Association Laramie, WY

• Race Volunteer 2000

Colorado Cup Biathlon Series Frisco, CO

• Group/Activity Leader 1996

Winter Sports for Girls Program Boulder, CO

• Extended Care Unit Volunteer 1994

Saint Vincent's General Hospital Leadville, CO

Coaching/Athletic Achievements

· Coach of the University of Wyoming Ski Team Invited to 2010 Represent the United States at the World University Games Erzurum, Turkey • Coach of six USCSA National Championship Teams 2003 - present University of Wyoming Laramie, WY • Coach of seventeen individual USCSA National Champions 2001 - present Laramie, WY University of Wyoming Coach of sixty-four individual USCSA Academic All-Americans 1998 - present University of Wyoming Laramie, WY Commitment to Excellence Award, Cross-Country Skiing 1998 University of Denver Denver, CO Varsity Letter Recipient, Cross-Country skiing 1998 Denver, CO University of Denver • Scholar Athlete Award 1996 University of Denver Denver, CO • National Relay Champion 1994 Bend, OR Rocky Mountain Division Nordic Ski Team • State Champion 1994 Colorado Nordic Skiing State Meet Vail, CO Colorado High School All-State 4 times in Cross-Country Skiing 1990 - 1994

Coaching/Exercise Physiology Presentations

• Athletics and Immune Function	October, 2010
University of Wyoming Ski Team Lecture Series	
Available: www.YouTube.com/uwski	
• Ethanol Detoxification	November, 2009
University of Wyoming Ski Team Lecture Series	
Available: www.YouTube.com/uwski	
• Nutrition	October, 2009
University of Wyoming Ski Team Lecture Series	
Available: www.YouTube.com/uwski	
 Nutrition, Skiing in College and Training Basics 	2005 - 2009
Medicine Bow Nordic Association High School Summer Ski Camp	

April, 2009

· Ski Like a Girl, Coach Like a Girl: Are we Accomplishing our

Laramie, WY
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